

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

November 3, 2005

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Dear Mr. Frownfelter:

Recent revelations made public by United States Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald have raised questions about the maintenance of a security clearance by Deputy Chief of Staff Karl Rove.

The Adjudicative Guidelines for Determining Eligibility for Access to Classified Information (the Guidelines) were established in conjunction with Executive Order 12968 to provide standards in the awarding of security clearances. Two of these standards are:

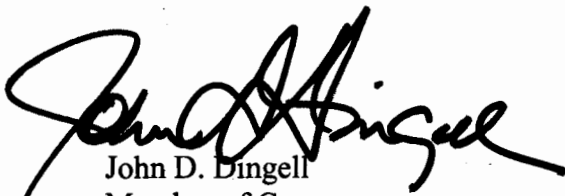
"Guideline E- Conduct involving questionable judgment, untrustworthiness, unreliability, lack of candor, or unwillingness to comply with rules and regulations could indicate that the person may not properly safeguard classified information."

"Guideline J- Conditions that could raise a security concern and may be disqualifying include: Allegations or admissions of criminal conduct, regardless of whether the person was formally charged."

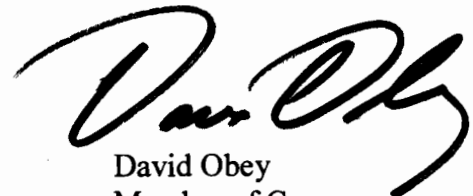
Under these guidelines is Mr. Rove still eligible for security clearances? If Mr. Rove were to apply for a security clearance today, could either of these guidelines disqualify him from being awarded a clearance?

We appreciate your answer to these questions, and look forward to your response no later than November 18, 2005.

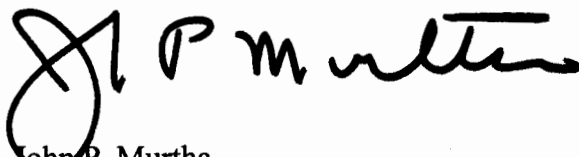
Sincerely,



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